



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-3258)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,  
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and  
Commissioner Susan Burton

Absent:            Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Olga Ramirez (14-3259)

Call to Order. (14-3150)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a  
moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the July 2, 2014 Minutes. (14-3151)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner  
Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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**II. REPORTS**

2. Department Representative Reports for July 16, 2014.

Department of Auditor-Controller (AC)

- Monthly Report

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

- Monthly Report

Internal Services Department (ISD)

- Monthly Report

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

- Monthly Report

Probation Department (PD)

- Monthly Report

Sheriff Department (LASD)

- Monthly Report (14-3028)

**Auditor Controller (AC)**

**Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report for the month of June 2014:**

**16 Total calls**

- Youth callers      6
- Adult callers      10

**19 calls related to Collaboration Contacts/Referrals/Information**

- DCFS – Social Worker      1
- Community Care Licensing      1
- Group Home Providers      2
- Probation      3
- General Information      12

**3 Personal Rights**

- Respect

**1 Personal**

- Discrimination

**Other**

- 1 CSW Contact (David and Margaret)

**Visits/Outreach - 1 site**

- **Maryvale**

**Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

There was no representative present to report.

**Internal Services Department (ISD)**

There was no representative present to report.

**Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)**

Ms. Korliss Robinson, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the period of June 1-30, 2014 there were a total of 736 AWOLs and the child abuse hotline received a total of 17 referrals in the following categories:

- 3 Emotional Abuse
- 4 General Neglect
- 2 Sexual Abuse
- 8 Physical Abuse

During the same reporting period, 25 referrals were closed in the following categories:

- 1 Emotional Abuse
- 9 General Neglect
- 11 Physical Abuse
- 4 Sexual Abuse

Ms. Rhonda David-Shirley, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management Division, Group Home Performance Management, reported that the following group homes are on hold:

- Vista Del Mar
- Starview

Ms. David-Shirley also reported that effective February 2014 her role at DCFS changed and she will no longer conduct contract compliance monitoring. Her current role is in Quality Assurance. This will allow her to better focus on the quality of care provided to the children and provide support to the agencies to improve the services provided to the children.

**Probation Department (PD)**

Mr. Michael Varela, Director of Dorothy Kirby, provided an update on Camp Kilpatrick's football program that has been moved to Camp Challenger. He also reported that staff assigned to various locations are now at Camp Challenger and involved in the sports/work program. This change has aided the sports and work program to continue.

He further reported that as a direct result of an SBC inspection which identified a number of safety issues at the Dorothy Kirby Center, the center solicited bids on July 15, 2014 from contractors to address the safety concerns identified.

Mr. Scott Sanders, Probation, reported that the current Juvenile Hall's population is 814, comprising of 162 girls and 652 boys. He also reported that as a result of an SBC inspection, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall has undergone many repairs.

Ms. Pamela Pease, Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance, PD, was unable to attend the meeting; however, she provided the Commission with the following detailed report regarding AWOLs for the month of June 2014:

**133 AWOLS**

- 118 Youth Involved
  - 61 Remain AWOL
  - 32 Returned to Group Home
  - 17 Juvenile Hall
  - 1 Home
  - 7 Camp Community Placement

**Sheriff Department (LASD)**

Gregory Sivard, Supervising Operation Assistant II, Sheriff Department, distributed handouts that displayed how LASD computes jail sentence credits for the inmates that are placed in a work program, fire camp or Milestone credits. Mr. Sivard stated that under the Realignments Act, various penal codes were approved to allow these programs. He is currently working with other facilities and creating flowcharts so that the inmates can easily understand the process.

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**Commander Ornealas reported that IPADs have been installed inside the jail cells at Century Regional Detention Facility and the Men's Central Jail and the inmates can also access information about their sentences there.**

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3.     Chairperson's Report on various items for July 16, 2014. (14-3152)

**Chair Montaña shared the following articles with the Commissioners:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Sheriff's Oversight Panel Delay Urged (July 3, 2014)**
- **After the Convictions (July 3, 2014)**
- **Deputy Faces Retrial in FBI Case (July 4, 2014)**
- **Get the Mentally ill Out of Jail (July 9, 2014)**
- **It's Not Just a CHP Problem (July 10, 2014)**
- **McDonnell Jumps Into Sheriff's Dept. Oversight Debate (July 11, 2014)**
- **Jail Cracks Down on Inmates' Pungent Assaults on Deputies (July 11, 2014)**
- **From Foster Care to College (July 12, 2014)**
- **Real Oversight for the Sheriff (July 13, 2014)**
- **Easing Inmates' Life After Release (July 14, 2014)**
- **County Likely to OK Laura's Law (July 14, 2014)**

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4.     Treasurer's Report for July 16, 2014. (14-3153)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,499.61.**

5.     Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for July 16, 2014. (14-3155)

**There was no report presented.**

6.     Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on July 16, 2014. (14-3156)

**In Compliance:**

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- **Penny Lane (Valley Street, Burbank, CA) on July 3, 2014.**

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- Rosemary Children's Services (Bonnie Street, Pasadena, CA) on July 8, 2014.
  - Rosemary Children's Services (Fremont Avenue, Pasadena, CA) on July 15, 2014.

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- Optimist Boys Home and Ranch (Tillman Avenue, Carson, CA) on July 15, 2014.
- Orange County Children's Foundation (Marbella Avenue, Carson, CA) on July 10, 2014.
- Orange County Children's Foundation (Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, CA) on July 11, 2014.

**Not in Compliance:**

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- Rosemary Children's Center (Green Street, Pasadena, CA) on July 7, 2014 and reported that the girls had many issues concerning safety, problems with roommates, bullying, discipline and favoritism from staff.

7. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 3, 2014 to July 15, 2014. (14-3157)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- Fleming & Barnes Dimondale Adolescent (Dimondale Drive, Carson, CA) on July 9, 2014.
- Los Angeles Youth Network (Beachwood Drive, Los Angeles, CA) on July 14, 2014.

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or place on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-3162)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-3158)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of July 16, 2014. (14-3159)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of July 16, 2014 at 12:04 p.m.**